

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on August 8, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.. Present were Bob Foley Don Peters and Karen Rhodes. Absent and excused was Mark Manning. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator was present. Brenda Kasani, Betty Lou Stoos and David Thompson was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda stated she has confusion over the water bill and why she is being charged 2 minimums. Ruth explained that she has a basement apartment in her home. Brenda asked about her temporary water connection for the cabin. Ruth stated that the cabin has nothing to do with the 2 units. Ruth stated that Brenda has taken up more than the 3 minute rule for public comment and as stated in June and July the bill stands as is. Brenda stated that her bill is currently about \$400 and would like to have the District credit \$200 due to the confusion and lack of customer service. The water was used, therefore she must pay.

Bob stated that he would like to talk about Brenda's proposed subdivision. It was explained that the cost for connecting water to this section would be very expensive. There would have to be the plant investment fee which would be \$10,672 plus the cost of extending the main to the property. The property is approximately 40 feet and a 20 foot easement would be needed to install the main. The 20 foot easement would not allow a building to be placed on that easement leaving the available lot at approximately 20 feet.

There is also a problem that the service line from 62 Swede Hill runs through the subdivision site, we do not allow service lines to run through others private property.

David Thompson asked about his subdivision. Andy stated that it has been approved. David still needs to pay the plant investment fees. He will be using Tanner Smith as his

contractor. Andy will inspect the work. David asked if upon laying the new water line if he would be charged a monthly rate. Andy said yes. Dave said that he will not be doing the project at this time but in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Loan for Summit Avenue Main. Rita presented options on paying the \$231,691 loan from the sewer. Options were for 1.5% or 2.0% payments for 10, 15 and 20 years. Rita stated that the 10 and 15 year payments were going to be hard for the water system to pay monthly. The 20 year loan at 1.5% payment would be \$1,118 per month. It was stated that while the water increases its reserve funds we could pay a chunk of the loan at a time hoping to lower the 20 year loan and paying the loan off earlier.

Karen moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to pay the \$231,691 using the 20 year loan at 1.5% interest monthly.

All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Engineer's Report. Shari was not present.

B. Paullin/Birk Subdivision. Andy texted Marc Liechti asking when they will be prepared for the next negotiation meeting. Marc replied soon. This was Friday, August 3, 2018.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andy presented his monthly report as attached.

Everett Sheffield asked Andy to ask the Board if they will replace his stairs that are on public right of way and were removed when the gas line was moved on Summit. The Board stated they would not pay to replace the steps.

Andy showed pictures of the water tank. There is rust inside and outside the tank. He is also concerned about people climbing up the water tank. They crawl over the fence and climb the legs of the tower. He would like to have barbed wire on the top of the fence in order to stop intruders. The Board agreed that we should put barbed wire on it.

Next week there will be a survey at the new water tank site. The cost will be \$3,000. This will allow Shari to begin design of the new water tank.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A. Financial Statements. The financial reports were presented for month ending

July 31, 2018 and Year Ending June 30, 2018.

B. Unpaid Bills. The Unpaid Bills Report was presented. Rita asked that we include her check for July as she had forgot to include it in the unpaid bills.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve paying the bills including Rita's Utility Service totaling \$20,133.60.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence.

D. Delinquents. The delinquent list was presented.

Being no further business.

Bob moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Minutes approved at the September 12, 2018 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary